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MEDIA RELEASE

Rock County Maintenance Fire

For Immediate Release

Date: 09/24/2020 Case: SO2038605 Contact Person
Captain Kim Litsheim
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On 09/24/20, at 3:18 pm, a fire was detected in a maintenance building that is part of the Rock County Sheriff's Office complex. The fire system alerted, and set off the sprinkler heads.

The Janesville Fire Department and Rock County Deputies responded. A fire was discovered in an electronic recycling bin that was inside the maintenance building. The fire was extinguished by Rock County employees using fire extinguishers and by the Janesville Fire Department.

An investigation of the fire found that expired fire panel batteries in the electronic recycling bin had shorted and started the fire. At this time, the only damage found was to the recycling bin. There was no damage to Rock County property, and there were no injuries.

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